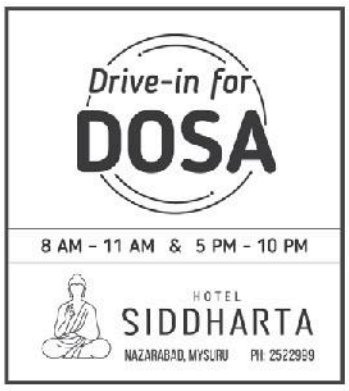

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City gears up for Dasara 2025

Major roads to be beautified early

Budget to exceed Rs. 40 crore | *Gajapayana* on Aug. 4 | 22-day illumination of Mysuru city

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah** (third from left) **chairing the Dasara High Power Committee Meeting at Bengaluru yesterday. Others seen are** (from left) **Ministers K.J. George & Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Additional Chief Secretary Gaurav Gupta and Ministers Shivaraj Tangadagi and H.A. Venkatesh.

Bengaluru, June 29 (KMS & BCT)- Key roads in Mysuru — including those leading to Chamundi Hill and the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam — will undergo repairs and beautification ahead of the Dasara festivities, as part of a citywide makeover.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who chaired the Dasara High Power Committee Meeting at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha here yesterday, has directed the Mysuru District Administration and officials from the Public Works, Energy, Home and other key Departments to ensure all preparations are completed well in advance.

This year's Dasara will be celebrated from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2, spanning 11 days instead of the usual 10, due to the unique alignment of the lunar calendar.

At the high-level meeting held to review preparations for Mysuru Dasara 2025, the Chief Minister affirmed the Government's commitment to supporting the event with all necessary funding.

"The spiritual essence of Dasara must not be lost amidst its splendour and spectacle. Lavish spending alone does not make a celebration grand. Public safety and the convenience of tourists must remain the top priority," he cautioned.

Significance & schedule

Dasara holds immense religious, cultural and charitable significance in Karnataka. As per tradition, Navaratri begins the day after Mahalaya Amavasya, which falls on Sept. 21 this year. Due to Panchami appearing on two consecutive days (Sept. 26 and Sept. 27) in the lunar calendar, the festival will be celebrated over 10 nights and 11 days.

The iconic *Gajapayana* — symbolising the march of elephants from the forests to Mysuru — will begin on Aug. 4, while the formal inauguration of Dasara will take place atop Chamundi Hill on Sept. 22.

(See ROADS on page 6)

Ashada Friday atop Chamundi Hill

Crowd control, safety top priority: Minister

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy explains the queue system atop Chamundi Hill to Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa this morning as Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa looks on.

Mysuru, June 29 (MTY & BCT)- Social Welfare and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa visited Chamundi Hill this morning in anticipation of the large influx of devotees during the auspicious Ashada month.

He reviewed arrangements made for pilgrims and tourists, including crowd control measures, access routes and basic amenities.

Dr. Mahadevappa instructed officials to prioritise the convenience of devotees and address gaps in planning.

(See CROWD on page 5)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 29th June 2025

K. Johnson takes charge as new MDA Secretary

Mysuru, June 29 (RK&DM)- KAS Officer K. Johnson took charge as the new Secretary of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), replacing V.K. Prasanna Kumar, on Friday.

K. Johnson

Johnson earlier served as Chief Administrative Officer of Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) at Mandya.

The transferred MDA Secretary, Prasanna Kumar, has been asked to report at the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) for new posting, according to an order issued by the DPAR Under-Secretary K.H. Keshava Prasad.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CATHARTIC POWER OF SILENCE: *According to a 2007 study by the University of Arizona, an average man speaks 15,669 words a day as compared to 16,215 words a day spoken by an average woman. That is a lot of words! This makes wonder how come people have so much to say.*

I now live with my very old father who is a man of few words. And no more than 20 sentences are exchanged between us during the day. Our lives are mostly silent. And I find the silence extremely cathartic. I am left with my own thoughts, and my father with his. What pervades the house is purgative silence. During such silent hours of the day, I get many, many thought — some good, some disturbing. But because I have no one to talk to, I become highly self-focused. I get a lot of time to sift through what has happened in the past, what's to come in future and what I need to do in this moment.

And the clarity of such thinking is not possible if I am talking the whole day.

Silence makes thoughts deeper, and clearer. Being silent is a technique that has been professed for millennia. Remaining silent is the first step to take while meditating. Silence purges the mind like clothes in a washing machine. It offers distinct perspectives, different understanding. It works like a laxative that helps throw out all the unwanted and toxic, demeaning thoughts that occur during a personal crisis. It sharpens the mind to face the crisis head on with renewed courage.

There is no shame in a hasty retreat into solitude and silence when one is faced with a pressing and damaging crisis. It may be considered cowardice by people. But what emerges from such a retreat is renewed resolve and daring to face the crisis.

Silence wipes the slate clean and renews hope and positivity. It helps in charting out a course of action that best suits the crisis that one is facing. It detoxifies the mind and makes it sharp. It strengthens the mind to face adversities.

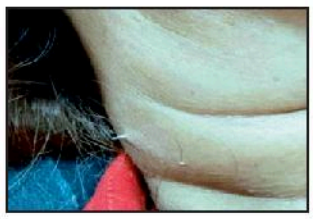
Silence is priceless when it is practiced by a troubled mind. For people who suffer from anxiety it is the first step toward recovery. It makes the mind and its experiences joyful.

When all else has been done and dusted, try silence each day for 30 minutes. Silence is perhaps the most cost-effective solution for a troubled mind.

—Sridhar Sachidananda in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fish bone protrudes through woman's neck



Bangkok: A woman who accidentally swallowed a fish bone, which got stuck in her throat, was shocked to see it eventually pierced her neck after she failed to remove it.

On June 17, Facebook user Suriyan Buppa-art posted a couple of shocking photos allegedly showing his wife's neck with a sharp, white needle piercing the skin from underneath. His wife was enjoying a fish soup when she accidentally swallowed a fish bone and felt a sharp pain in her neck. She tried dislodging the bone using folk remedies like eating rice and bread crust, but nothing worked, so she went to the hospital, where an X-ray exam didn't reveal any foreign objects.

The shocked couple went to the hospital for a third time, and doctors managed to remove a 2-cm fish bone from the woman's neck.

Sniffer dogs fitted with boots to protect their paws

Philadelphia: Sniffer dogs — a common addition to the security details at many large sporting events — had a job to do at the international soccer tournament despite the sweltering temperatures.

And because that job includes walking on hot asphalt, it can be tough on an animal's feet.

The solution? In Philadelphia, the sniffer dogs at Lincoln Financial Field were outfitted with brightly coloured protective booties as temperatures soared.

"Every dog team is different and there are different requirements; their precursors are different. However, we go by the seven-second rule. If us humans can't put our human backside or our hand on the concrete for longer than seven seconds without pulling it off, then we require dog booties to go on," said Cody Schwartz, manager of 3DK9 Detection Services, the private company providing the K9 teams at the stadium.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Did You Know?

The average pair of kidneys filters over 180 litres of blood per day, producing about 1.5 litres of urine.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology & Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Orientation Programmes

Mysuru, June 29- Orientation Programme (2025-26) will be held at GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College (GSSS SSFGC), Metagalli, tomorrow (June 30) at 11 am to welcome and guide newly admitted students of BBA, B.Com and BCA.

Yoga Guru and Social Activist Srihari will be the chief guest. RIMSE Mysuru Correspondent Swami Mahamedhanandaji will be the guest of honour.

GSSS Secretary Anupama B. Pandit will preside. GSSS Member and CEO R.K. Bharath and GSSS SSFGC Principal Dr. T.S. Rakesh will be present. The event is coordinated by Head of the Department of Commerce and Business Administration Dr. K.S. Sreekrishna and Head of the BCA Department G. Nethra.

At St. Philomena's

Deeksharambh 2025, a 3-day Orientation Programme for 1st year UG students has been organised by the IQAC at St. Philomena's College in Bannimantap from June 30 to July 2.

June 30: Inauguration at 9.30 am followed by 'Ignite your journey.' Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes, Superior & Director, Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru, will be present; **July 1:** Multiple Sessions from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm; **July 2:** 'Fuel your potential' from 9.30 am. Prof. D. Parashivamurthy, Asst. Professor of Commerce, GFGC, Hullahalli, Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Principal, Rev. Fr. Gnana Pragasam, Administrator, Rev. Fr. S. David Sagayaraj, Asst. to Rector, M. Nagaraj Urs, Vice-Principal (Academic) and Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice-Principal (Administration), will be present. Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector, will preside.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Last year's level **92.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,275.06 feet**	Last year's level **2,836.40 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.25 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,279.44 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,850.09 feet**
Today's Inflow **46,501 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **26,193 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **4,431 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **21,463 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **30,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **2,500 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.*
- *The largest piece of fossilised dinosaur poo discovered is over 30 cm long and over two litres in volume.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Suppose a person has Rs. 7 lakh and another person has 7 kids, who is more satisfied?*
Student: *The person who has 7 kids.*
Teacher: *Why?*
Student: *Because the person with the 7 kids does not want any more. But the person with the Rs. 7 lakh wants more.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.49
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 117.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.28
1 Euro	= Rs. 100.02

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic violations rampant: Stricter policing needed

Sir,

I would like to bring to the attention of the Mysuru City Traffic Police Department the blatant disregard for traffic rules that occurs every day across the city, whether in residential areas or on major roads.

Traffic violations are now rampant, committed by people of all age groups and genders. One of the most alarming issues is the presence of vehicles with faulty or missing number plates. I witness this nearly every day and it creates fear and unease. If such vehicles commit a violation, it becomes impossible to note down the registration number or capture photographic evidence.

Other common violations include mobile phone usage while riding, disobeying one-way rules, riding without helmets, triple or even quadruple riding, zig-zag driving, rash driving, wheelie stunts, incidents of road rage and parking in no-parking zones. You name it, and it is happening somewhere in Mysuru. Despite the presence of CCTV cameras, enforcement appears ineffective, as there has been little improvement in traffic discipline.

A few years ago, vehicle checks were more frequent, fines were stricter and Police presence was more assertive. Unfortunately, this level of enforcement seems to have diminished in recent years. The authorities appear indifferent to the inconvenience and danger these violations cause to law-abiding citizens, including the elderly.

I earnestly appeal to the Traffic Police Department to take swift and firm action to curb these violations and ensure that commuting in Mysuru becomes a safer and more pleasant experience for everyone.

—Dr. Suhail Azam Khan, Consultant Pulmonologist, JSS Hospital

Mysuru 24.6.2025

New Ladies Hostel block opened at AIISH

Mysuru, June 29- The new block of Ladies Hostel was inaugurated at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in city on Friday.

Noorin Bux, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, inaugurated the facility. Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, Mysuru, was present.

Being a national institute, students from across the country get admitted to the various courses at AIISH, with majority of 80% of the students being girls. The first block of the Ladies Hostel was built in 1968 and new blocks were added in 1991 and 2005 to cater to the increase in number of students.

With the increase in the number of seats for the various courses at AIISH over the last few years, there was a further shortage of rooms in the existing Ladies Hostel.

To cater to the present demand, the proposal to construct the new block of the Ladies Hostel was approved by 58th Executive Council Meeting of the institute held on June 3, 2022. The project was implemented by National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC) Ltd., a Government of India Enterprise, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.25 crore. The construction of the new block began in April 2024 and is now ready for occupation.

The new block has 12 rooms in each of the three floors, which can accommodate 36 girl students. Stringent quality audits by Department of Civil Engineering, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Bangalore University, ensured the quality of construction.

CM Siddaramaiah to offer *bagina* to River Cauvery tomorrow

CNNL officials review preparations

Mysuru, June 29 (VNS)- With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar visiting KRS Dam to offer *bagina* tomorrow (June 30) to River Cauvery (Kaveri), team of officials, led by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) MD Mahesh, visited the reservoir yesterday and reviewed preparations.

Later, speaking to the media persons, Mahesh said that invitations had already been distributed to all elected representatives and other VIPs and added arrangements for the event would be completed on time.

Siddaramaiah will be offering *bagina* to River Cauvery as KRS reservoir has reached its maximum level of 124.80 ft. The *bagina* will be offered at 10.30 am tomorrow. Following this, a public function will be held. This year, the pandal, which is 100-ft in length and 40-ft in width, has been erected in front of Goddess Cauvery statue instead of the left side of the statue which was a practice since years.

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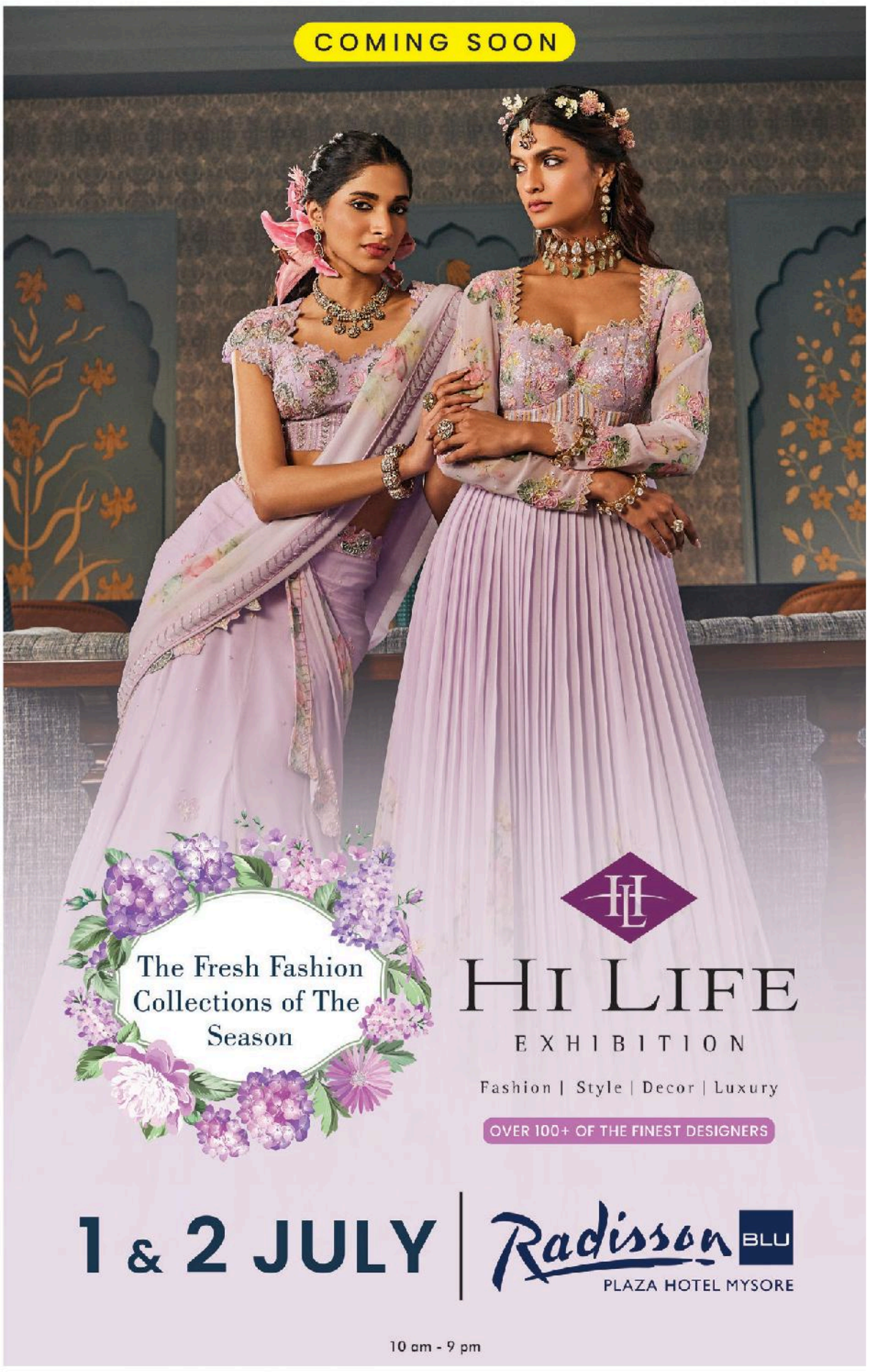

NEWS BRIEFS

University Academic Council meeting

The Academic Council Meeting of the over-century old University of Mysore will take place at Crawford Hall at 11.30 am tomorrow (June 30), according to a press release.

Babu Jagjivan Ram death anniversary

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy in a press release has said that the district administration has organised a programme near City Railway Station where floral tributes will be offered to the statue of Babu Jagjivan Ram on July 6 at 9.30 am to commemorate the 39th death anniversary of the former Deputy Prime Minister.

Applications invited

Department of Kannada and Culture has invited applications from artistes to participate in a programme titled *Haadire Raagagala - Toogire Deepagala* to be held in the year 2025-26 under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). Tribals who want to participate in this musical programme and capable of presenting folk songs, light music, theatre songs, *lavani* and *dollina padagalu* can send their applications to the Office of the Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Kalamandira, Mysuru, before July 17 at 5.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225.

Ph.D awardee

A. Sunil Choudri has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the University of Mysore (UoM), for his thesis 'Chikkanayakanahalli Talukina Devalayagala Kale Mattu Vastushilpa - Ondu Vivaranthamaka Adhyayana (Arambhadindha Mysore Wadiyarvarege),' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G. Kariyappa.

Obituary

Manchaiah

Mysuru, June 29- Manchaiah (76), a resident of JP Nagar, passed away following brief illness in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Lolakshi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Congress must apologise for Emergency: R. Ashoka

BJP and RSS leaders who were felicitated for fighting against the Emergency are seen with Opposition Leader in the State Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka, City BJP President L. Nagendra, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, State BJP Minorities Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas and others.

Mysuru, June 29 (MTY&DM)- Urging the Congress to apologise for the imposition of Emergency by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Opposition Leader in the State Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka questioned the Congress party's stand on Emergency.

He was speaking at '50 years of dark History of the imposition of Emergency in the country' programme, organised by the BJP at a Kalyana Mantap in Vijayanagar third stage here yesterday.

Stating that the Congress is spending time without clarifying whether imposition of Emergency was right or wrong, Ashoka maintained that there is no clarity among Congress leaders on the issue.

Questioning Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who often speaks about Constitution, where he was when the Emergency was declared, Ashoka also sought answers from the CM on what he and the so called 'defenders of the Constitution' and 'progressive thinkers' were doing when the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency and jailed many opposition leaders.

Likening Indira Gandhi's rule during Emergency to that of Dictator Adolf Hitler, he said that he still feels scared to talk about the dark days of Emergency, when opposition leaders such as Atal Behari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani and George Fernandes were lathi charged, tortured and jailed.

Recalling the days when he too was in jail during Emergency as a student leader, Ashoka said that Congress leaders then had raised sycophantic slogan 'Indira is India' as propaganda during Emergency.

Had Indira Gandhi been re-elected in the 1977 Lok Sabha polls, she would have banished all opposition leaders from the country, he contended.

Pointing out that it was the BJP which accorded 'Bharat Ratna' award to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Ashoka lashed out at the Congress for harping on Dr. Ambedkar for everything, when the fact is that it was the Congress which made several amendments to the Constitution.

Several BJP and RSS leaders, including former MLCs G. Madhusudhan and Thontadarya, who had fought against Emergency, were felicitated on the occasion.

Former MLA Maruti Rao Pawar, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, State BJP Minorities Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas, City BJP President L. Nagendra, party leaders Hema Nandish, Cable Mahesh, V. Shylendra, Somasundar, M.P. Rajesh, Gokul Govardhan, Puneeth and others were present.

Nalwadi adopted advanced development models after visiting western countries

Mysuru, June 29 (BLU&DM)- Kannada Professor Dr. Purushottam said that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar implemented the advanced development models of western countries in the State too, when he returned after visiting the advanced countries.

He was speaking at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayantotsava, organised by Mysuru Kannada Vedike at Freedom Fighters' Park in Subbarayanakere here yesterday.

Highlighting the contributions of Nalwadi to the State, Dr. Purushottam said that people of the State have continued getting the benefits of the projects implemented by Nalwadi decades ago, which shows the vision of the erstwhile Mysuru ruler.

Noting that Nalwadi used to treat all sections of the society with equal respect, he said that Nalwadi started several educational Institutions exclusively for women in which thousands of girl students are studying even today. Nalwadi is also credited with the establishment of K.R. Hospital and PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road.

Dr. C. Renukamba, in her address, said that Nalwadi focussed on women empowerment and also strived for eradicating the 'Devadasi' system.

The erstwhile Mysuru ruler, who had great concern for the welfare of citizens, introduced several programmes, projects and plans for the growth of society, she added.

Achievers from different fields who were felicitated are seen with the dignitaries at a programme held in Freedom Fighters' Park in city yesterday.

Achievers from different fields were felicitated on the occasion.

Vedike President S. Balakrishna presided, while Ravi compeered the programme.

Vedike office-bearers Siddegowda, Gopi, Gurubasappa, Bhavani, Swamy, Madappa, Shivegowda, Poornima and others were present.

D. Srihari conferred with Kempegowda Award

Bengaluru, June 29 (RK&DM)- D. Srihari, Head of GSS Yogic Foundation and farmer Puttaiah of Mysuru district were among those who were conferred with the prestigious 'Karunada Prabhu Kempegowda-2025' award at a programme organised at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru, marking Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti on Friday. The award is given by Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Pratishtana.

While Srihari was awarded for his social service and contribution to Yoga, Puttaiah was awarded for his achievements in farming.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurated the programme. Pratishtana President Prof. M. Krishnegowda presided.

***D. Srihari** (centre), Head of GSS Yogic Foundation, is seen with other awardees, during award ceremony at Bengaluru on Friday.*

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Opposition Leader in the State Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, MLA and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, former Chief Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Opposition Leader in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and others were present.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Sphatikapuri Mutt Seer Sri Nanjavadhoota Swamiji and Vishwa Vokkaligara Samsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nischalanandanatha Swamiji graced the occasion.

CFTRI launches Nutrition Intervention Programme

for malnourished children in Mysuru district

Thalikerappa, MD, BNPM, distributing Nutrition Supplement Kit to a child as** (from left) **Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), DHFW, Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI and B. Basavaraj, Deputy Director, DWCD, look on.

Mysuru, June 29- As per National Family Health Survey-5, nearly one third of the children in India are having low weight and height for their age and 62 percent of them are anaemic.

These deficiencies, apart from impairing growth, reduces mental ability, compromises immunity and affects metabolism. Research has shown that undernourished are at higher risk of getting non-communicable disease in their adulthood.

Providing dietary interventions of the deficit nutrients would correct the nutritional status of children and is highly essential for a healthy community and nation.

CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute, being a premier food research institute, developed supplementary foods for alleviation of malnutrition in the 1960s and its efficacy was validated in school children. The efforts have been continuous in the direction and later developed several products that are suitable for the purpose.

This time, Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd. (BNPM), Mysuru, has come forward to sponsor a project on "Nutrition Intervention for Malnourished Pre-School Children in Mysuru District" under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

This is a joint project initiated by CSIR-CFTRI, funded by Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd. and executed in association with Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Services (DHFW) & Directorate of Women and Child Development Department (DWCD), Government of Karnataka.

In all, 600 malnourished preschool children will be selected for this programme, out of which 500 children will be provided nutrition intervention and remaining are control set.

Micro-nutrient status of these children will be assessed and the malnourished children would be provided with food kit developed by CSIR-CFTRI comprising high energy and protein products, fortified with micro-nutrients such as Iron, Vitamin-A and Zinc on monthly basis for a period of six months.

The beneficiaries of the project have been identified from Anganwadis in Mysuru district and their anthropometric & biochemical samples were collected in association with DHFW and the analysis is undergoing in collaboration with Mysore Medical College & Research Centre (MMC&RI).

The formal launch of the programme was held at CFTRI recently wherein Thalikerappa, Managing Director of BNPM was the chief guest. B. Basavaraj, Deputy Director, DWCD & Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), DHFW, were guests of honour.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, presided. The programme was formally launched by distributing nutrition food supplement kits to five malnourished children.

Dr. Jyothi Lakshmi, Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, explained about the programme.

Dharanikumara, Chief General Manager, BNPM and the doctors from MMC&RI Dr. Nayas Pasha, Dr. Rangaswamy and Dr. Shubha Jayaram also attended.

MDJA presents 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award'

Mysuru Mithra ***News Editor A.C. Prabhakar was presented 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Media Award' by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at a function organised at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, in city this morning. He is seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha President and former DGP Shankar Bidari, JSS Mahavidyapeeta Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Media Advisor to CM K.V. Prabhakar, MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan and Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur. MDJA also felicitated award-winning journalists and presented Pratibha Puraskar for meritorious students of MDJA members.***

Six Doctors to be conferred 'Vaidyashri' award on July 6

Mysuru, June 29- As part of World Doctors Day, the city's Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust, in association with Anveshana Seva Trust, will bestow 'Vaidyashri' award on six doctors at a programme to be held on July 6 at Institution of Engineers on JLB Road at 10.30 am

Bengaluru's Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Director Dr. K.S. Ravindranath will inaugurate the programme, while Mysuru Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda will preside.

The city's well-known Fertility expert Dr. C. Sharath Kumar and Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Founder Dr. M.G.R. Urs will deliver a talk on the achievements of Dr. B.C. Roy. For details, contact: Mob.: 98804-12045.

Crowd control, safety top priority: Minister

(Continued from page 1)

Citing the inconveniences faced by pilgrims during the first Ashada Friday on June 27, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa pointed out that several social media posts had highlighted lapses in crowd handling and basic facilities. "Such neglect must not be repeated. Officers must adopt practical, on-ground approaches to ensure no devotee faces hardship," he stated.

The Minister emphasised that crowd management and security must remain top priorities and confirmed that the District Administration has made all necessary arrangements to ensure a safe and smooth darshan experience during the peak pilgrimage season.

Step-climbers face long waits, poor planning

On the first Ashada Friday, devotees who climbed the hill via the traditional 1,000-step path faced severe inconvenience, sparking widespread criticism and calls to scrap the separate queue system implemented exclusively for them.

Authorities had set up barricades and created a dedicated path from the hilltop step entrance to the *sanctum sanctorum*, following promises of direct darshan for those arriving on foot.

However, the arrangement backfired, leading to overcrowding, serpentine queues and wait times of three to four hours. Many devotees, especially the elderly and those with health conditions, struggled without access to basic amenities such as toilets and drinking water.

Some reportedly collapsed from exhaustion and those attempting to exit midway found it difficult due to the barricaded lanes. Several videos of the chaotic scenes circulated on social media, drawing public outrage and criticism of the administration's handling.

Traditionally, devotees who climb the steps during Ashada Fridays offer prayers at the temple's Gopura (tower) and return without entering the *sanctum*. This year's assurance of special access caused an unprecedented surge in foot traffic, overwhelming the existing infrastructure.

In response, devotees are now urging officials to abandon the exclusive queue for step-climbers and adopt a more integrated crowd management plan that balances access, safety and comfort.

Prasadam distribution

Another concern voiced by devotees is the relocation of the prasadam distribution centre to an open ground near the Forest Department's information kiosk. Many have found this location inconvenient and ill-equipped to handle the festival crowd. Citing the smoother arrangements made last year, pilgrims have urged officials to shift the distribution back to the multi-level parking complex, which has the infrastructure and space to manage large gatherings efficiently.

Accompanying Dr. Mahadevappa were Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat CEO Yukesh Kumar, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa and Police officials including DCPs M. Muthuraju and K.S. Sundar Raj.

Dasara 2025: Major roads to be beautified early

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The CM has instructed officials to organise programmes that reflect the festival's heritage and to commence road repair works immediately across the city. The Energy Department has been told to illuminate the city of Mysuru for 22 days.

Security and crowd management

Referring to the recent stampede incident during the IPL RCB victory celebrations at Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium, Siddaramaiah stressed the need for heightened vigilance during the Dasara festivities, which are expected to attract over 1 million visitors, including international tourists.

He has instructed Police officers to adopt strict preventive measures, ensure crowd control and maintain friendly and approachable conduct toward tourists. As a precaution, the number of seats in front of Mysore Palace will be reduced this year to avoid overcrowding.

Bigger budget, grander plans

This year's Dasara is expected to be more extravagant than ever, with a budget likely to exceed the Rs. 40 crore allocated last year.

Plans are already underway for extensive beautification and citywide illumination, along with themed exhibitions and tableaux parades that will highlight the Government's welfare schemes and the achievements of various departments. A large-scale drone show is also on the cards to elevate the visual appeal of the festivities.

Given that Vijayadashami coincides with Oct. 2, which marks Gandhi Jayanti, the Chief Minister has directed that the tableaux presented during the celebrations must reflect the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.

Streamlining Gold Cards

Departments have been instructed to design their displays in a way that meaningfully resonates with the public and prominently showcases the Government schemes. In addition, the CM has insisted that all stalls at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds be ready and operational by the day of inauguration.

He has also stressed the need for a streamlined and transparent distribution of Gold Cards, which provide select attendees with privileged access. Visitors are to be provided with adequate parking, sanitation and other essential amenities.

Further, he has directed that public services must remain uninterrupted and that Government officials remain accessible throughout the festival period.

He acknowledged previous complaints about officials being unavailable during the celebrations and urged departments to remain accessible to the public throughout the 11 days.

File photo

> "Last year, the seating arrangement in front of Mysore Palace was expanded to accommodate 54,000 people, which resulted in severe crowding during the *Jumboo Savari*. This time, measures must be taken to ease congestion and ensure effective crowd control — not only at the Palace but across all event venues."
>
> — Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Mysuru District in-Charge Minister

> "I recommend the formation of a dedicated Mysuru Dasara Authority to oversee and streamline all aspects of festival planning and execution. There is a pressing need to expand seating capacity in a well-structured manner and make proper parking arrangements."
>
> — Tanveer Sait, MLA

> "Access during the *Jumboo Savari* must be strictly limited to the elephant teams and cultural troupes, and no others must be allowed to roam about on the procession route. Moreover, there should be greater diversity in the composition of these troupes."
>
> — G.T. Devegowda, MLA

Booker fame Banu Mushtaq or Deepa Bhasthi to open Dasara?

Bengaluru, June 29 (KMS&BCT)- The 11-day Mysuru Dasara festivities are scheduled to take place from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2 this year. During the High Power Committee Meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah yesterday, discussions were held regarding the selection of the chief guest for the grand inauguration atop Chamundi Hill.

According to sources, two distinguished women writers have been shortlisted for consideration: Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq and acclaimed writer-translator Deepa Bhasthi. If the Chief Minister opts to honour a woman literary figure this year, one of the two is likely to be finalised as the inaugural speaker for the festival.

No Chamarajanagar Dasara

Bengaluru, June 29 (KMS&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has categorically ruled out holding Dasara celebrations in Chamarajanagar this year.

Addressing reporters after chairing the high-level Dasara coordination meeting, the CM firmly rejected appeals from several leaders — including Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa — to continue the practice of celebrating Dasara in Chamarajanagar.

He stated unequivocally that extending the celebrations beyond Mysuru could dilute the prestige of the world-renowned Mysuru Dasara. "On what grounds should it be celebrated there?" he asked, challenging the rationale behind such proposals.

Responding to suggestions that Dasara festivities could be held in other historically significant towns such as Srirangapatna, which once served as a capital, Siddaramaiah pointed out that while celebrations had previously taken place in Chamarajanagar, he had neither supported nor authorised them.

"If Chamarajanagar is approved, similar demands could follow from Kodagu, Mangaluru and other regions," he warned. "If we begin celebrating everywhere, the global stature of Mysuru Dasara will be diminished," he cautioned.

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Of bad medicines & bad outcomes!

The recent announcement by an international drug testing laboratory that many anti-cancer drugs of Indian origin have failed to clear quality tests by alarmingly wide margins, should come as an eye-opener to our authorities vested with the very crucial responsibility of the enforcement of drug quality control standards.

The report says that many of the tested drugs, which qualified to be called life-savers, contained either far too less or far too much active ingredients, than what they should have, thus jeopardising the lives of patients treated with them. Needless to say, while the former situation can fail to effect a cure and kill the patients, for want of sufficient drug, the latter can kill them with a drug overdose.

This is particularly true in the case of anti-cancer drugs because most of them are highly toxic, with very little margin between their effective doses and lethal doses. A little less and they just fail to work and a little more and they can turn out to be deadly poisonous! And so, doctors using them on their patients have a very great responsibility in calculating the exact dose of each drug, depending on the type and severity of disease and the body weight of each patient they treat.

While doing this delicate, tight rope walk, they do it with the trust and faith that the medicine they use is perfect, both in its quality and content. And, if these two very vital parameters do not meet the very high standards that are expected of them, it can mean the difference between life and death itself!

Sadly, this is not for the first time that an accusing finger is being pointed at the quality of our locally produced medicines. Not very long ago, the very distressing deaths of children in some African countries were attributed to the presence of toxic substances like ethylene glycol in cough syrups of Indian origin. Although these reports were at first brushed off by our authorities as unconfirmed rumours, they had to soon swallow the bitter pill of truth, when lab tests confirmed that the quality of suspect drugs was confirmed to be the culprit.

More recently, nearer home in Ballari, the substandard quality of the IV fluids supplied to some of our government hospitals resulted in the deaths of not less than six women who had gone there to deliver their babies. **What were meant to be visits to the hospital to bring home bundles of joy, turned out to be a tragedy for the families that had to bring home the dead bodies of the now orphaned children's mothers. When medicines, which are meant to cure ailing patients, can themselves begin to kill them, it is indeed a distressing and shameful situation, which needs to be addressed with some strict and unforgiving remedial measures.**

Although India is today proudly at the forefront, when it comes to the quality of medical care and the manufacture of drugs, many lacunae still exist that need to be addressed before we can sit back and say that our systems are faultless. While we have some of the best players in the field of drug manufacture, who are doing a great job of meeting our needs and even protecting the image of our country in the export market, with the high quality of their products, a great many black sheep do exist.

The main cause of some of our drugs not meeting the quality standards expected out of them is because as things stand now, any Tom, Dick and Harry, with my apologies to all people with these three names, can set up a drug manufacturing facility in our country, thanks to our lack of strict vigilance.

I do not say that our set quality control standards are below par, but our morals certainly are. Thanks to all-pervasive corruption that exists all around us, in every single government department, the officers vested with the responsibility of implementing regulations can be bribed into giving any kind of clearance, in any sector and sadly even for the manufacture of drugs. And, with the costs of these bribes and kickbacks, compounded with their own unrestrained greed, the manufacturers decide to give quality standards a wide go-by, resulting in their substandard drugs flooding the market.

And, while our government may not find this an easy pill to swallow and may insist that there are only white sheep grazing in the field, practicing doctors like me know from their experience in their field, that everything is not so hunky dory. Many patients under my treatment come back to me after their first few visits and ask me whether they can buy the so-called generic versions of the drugs prescribed by me, which come at a considerably lesser cost.

Earlier, I used to spend some time in counselling them about the seemingly logical relationship between costs and quality, but soon I discovered that this was an exercise in futility. So, I have now started telling them that they are free to make their choices and try out for themselves what works best for them and their ailments.

But with our government pushing its **Janaushadi Scheme** as the best medicine for our *aam janta's* health, there is just no room on the road to prosperity, for any doctor to stand alongside and dispense what they think is good for them. **It is a different matter that all our *netas* and *babus,* who make our laws and rules, and who pop only branded pills, prescribed at the best private hospitals, think that as long as the people they rule, think that they are getting the kindest governance, they are themselves on the right road to their own prosperity!**

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Coming back to where I left myself standing on the roadside, I would like to tell you that though not all, a good many of the patients who experiment with a good many of the so-called low-cost, high-quality medicines, soon come back with the complaint that they are not working for them as expected. **That is when I tell them that this relationship between what you pay for and what you get, which holds good in matters of what they eat, wear, drink or drive, holds good, even for all the pills they pop, for all their ills!**

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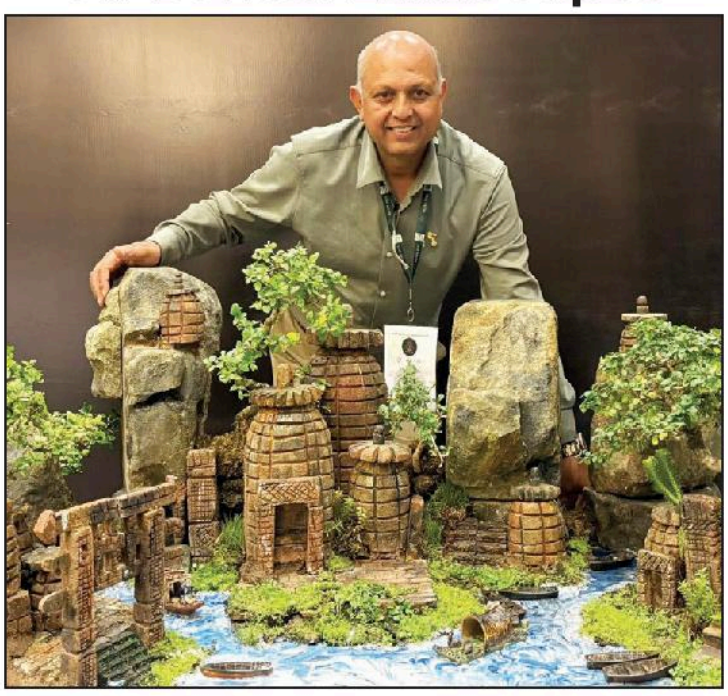
Demonstration & Workshop on Bonsai Landscapes



Saumik Das, Founder of 'Grow Green Bonsai,' Delhi.

Mysuru, June 29- A demon-stration and workshop on bonsai landscapes is being organised under the auspices of Srushti Bonsai Study Circle, Mysuru, on July 4. Saumik Das, renowned bonsai artist from Delhi, has been invited to hold the demonstration, for the first time in Mysuru.

Profile: Saumik Das has been practicing the art of bonsai over the last twenty years and has conducted demonstrations and workshops both in India and abroad. He has mentored more than 600 students in the art of bonsai. The Grow Green Bonsai Farm that he has created in Delhi is a hub for all nature lovers and bonsai enthusiasts. He has introduced the concept of vertical penjing as well as stone structures of ancient structures in India. His bonsai landscape creations has inspirations from nature as well as out-of-the-box imagination.

Those interested, may contact Mob: 98800-01085 or 99162-26132, before June 30, according to a press release from Srushti Bonsai Study Circle President Shamala Prasanna.

EPFO Mysuru RO holds Nidhi Aapke Nikat

Mysuru, June 29- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 was conducted by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office (RO), Mysuru, at St. Joseph's Institutions, Hunsur, on June 27.

Philomena Narona, Head Mistress, St. Joseph's HPS, Hunsur and Bindu Elizabeth, Head Mistress, St. Joseph's High School, Hunsur, were the chief guests. B.C. Sandeep, Section Supervisor / DNO, Manoj Kumar, SSA and Monu Dhanda, SSA of EPFO, RO, Mysuru and Umesh, Branch Manager, ESIC, Mysuru, redressed the grievances of stakeholders and properly managed the event.

EPFO stakeholders visited the venue with their queries and grievances, which were solved immediately. Under PRAYAAS initiative, many PPOs were distributed to pensioners on the same day of their superannuation. To bridge the gap between EPFO and stakeholders, EPFO has started this initiative and team of officials visits different locations in various districts to interact and educate members/ employers and pensioners.

RO Mysuru is taking all steps to extend benefits to stakeholders, according to a press release from Regional PF Commissioner-I, Regional Office, Mysuru.

Increase in number of heart attack cases in Hassan

People crowd Jayadeva Hospital for check-up

Mysuru, June 29 (SBD& VNS)- The recent cases of 18 youngsters succumbing to heart attacks in Hassan has sent panic waves among people who have been storming Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovasular Sciences and Research in Mysuru for the health check-up. The number of outpatients has increased with more than 1,000 people rushing to the hospital on a daily basis.

People are seen standing in long queues as early as 7 am and an hour later the number increases by five times. The increase in the number of outpatients has led to increase in work pressure not only for the doctors, who are attending 80-100 patients everyday but also to lab technicians who are testing blood samples and conducting other tests on the patients.

Apart from the outpatients, the nursing staff and doctors are also taking care of the inpatients.

Though symptoms of heart attack should not be neglected, people have been visiting the hospital even though they are suffering from gastritis as it can also cause chest pain. The doctors have been suggesting people to get examined instead of neglecting the symptoms.

Renowned Cardiologist and former Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Dr. C.N. Manjunath has said that over use of fertilisers in agriculture, consumption of junk food, increase in work stress and absence of contentment and happiness had been causing heart attacks and brain strokes.

"Along with finding reasons for unhealthiness, there is also need to take precautions in terms of food intake and changing lifestyle," he added.

Tiger deaths at MM Hills

Authorities make changes to Investigation Team

Chamarajanagar, June 29 (SS&KS)- Three accused from Koppa village identified as Konnappa, Madaraju and Nagaraju, who were arrested on charges of lacing poison to the carcass of a cow leading to the death of a tigress and her four cubs near Meenyam Zone of Hoogyam Wildlife Range in MM Hills, were produced before the Principal Civil Judge and were remanded to judicial custody.

Accused Konappa, Madaraju and Nagaraju.

Meanwhile, authorities have made a change in the High-Level Investigation Team which was formed to probe the deaths of the tigress and her four cubs. The team formed under the Chairmanship of APCCF Kumar Pushkar has left out Conservator of Forests (CF) P. Ramesh Kumar from the Investigation Team.

The Investigation Team comprises of APCCF Srinivasulu, CCF (Chamarajanagar Circle) T. Heeralal, NTCA representative, Mysuru Zoo Veterinary Officer and Wildlife Expert Sanjay Gubbi.

Minister, MLA visits spot

Meanwhile, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre accompanied by H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu and other officials visited the spot in MM Hills on Friday where a tigress and her four cubs were found dead and collected information from the Forest officials.

The Forest Minister had ordered a high-level probe into the tigers deaths following which a special team constituted by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the High Level Probe Committee constituted by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF-Wildlife) conducted a probe.

Based on the instructions from the Minister and guided by senior Forest Officers, the Forest Department and the Police Department conducted a joint operation and arrested three accused, who reportedly confessed of poisoning the carcass of the cow.

Protest staged against tiger deaths

Mysuru, June 29 (GA&KS)- Condemning the deaths of a tigress and her four cubs in MM Hills Forest area, members of Karnataka Hitharakshana Vedike staged a protest on D. Devaraj Urs Road in city yesterday.

Demanding that the incident be taken seriously, the protestors demanded stringent action against those responsible for the death of five tigers besides seeking action on Forest officials for their negligence.

The society and the Government have given importance to tigers and it is shocking to hear the deaths of five tigers, the protestors said and accused the Forest Department of negligence leading to the death of five tigers. They demanded strict action against the culprits and added that allowing large crowds to Tiger Reserves had led to such an incident.

Pointing out that homestays and resorts were mushrooming in Forest areas, leading to such incidents, the protestors demanded that the Government look into this at the earliest.

Vedike President Vinay Kumar, Wildlife Photographer Umesh, J. Raghavendra, S.N. Rajesh, Nanjundi, Ravichandra, Neethu, Manjunath, Ravi, Yatish Babu, Eshwar and others took part in the protest.

Bike rally marks Kempegowda Jayanti

Mysuru, June 29 (TRR)- Admirers of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda led by former Corporator K.V. Sridhar took out a bike rally from Surya Bakery circle in Hebbal to Kempegowda Circle through Basavanagudi Circle as part of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, here yesterday. They also offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda at the circle.

Speaking on the occasion, K.V. Sridhar said that several circles have been named in Mysuru city after Nadaprabhu Kempegowda as a mark of respect to the great ruler of Bengaluru. "The Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway junction on Outer Ring Road (ORR) has been named as Kempegowda Circle. But people, who are unaware, call not has Manipal Hospital junction which is not correct. The government instead of just naming the circle must install a statue of Kempegowda and erect name board to offer real tribute to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda," he added.

Taking exception to District Minister's absence at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations organised by the district administration, the former Corporator said that it is the duty of the District Minister to pay respect to Kempegowda on behalf of Mysureans.

Siddaramaiah during his first tenure as Chief Minister announced that the government will celebrate Kempegowda Jayanti across the State at district level. But now, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, the District Minister of his government is staying away from the Jayanti celebrations which is condemnable. "Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa is not attending the Jayanti celebrations in city for the last three years. We don't know whether the he is angry against Kempegowda or Vokkaliga community. The District Minister himself must clarify," he said.

Installation of smart meters postponed by 15 days

Mysuru, June 29 (VNS)- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has postponed the installation of smart meters by 15 days following the requests from consumers and Electrical Contractors Association.

CESC had organised a meeting to create awareness among the consumers about the installation of smart meters for new connections from July 1 at its office in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage here yesterday.

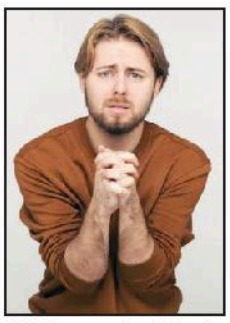
Speaking on the occasion, CESC (IT and MIS) General Manager Ramaswamy said, the installation of smart meters has been made mandatory from July 1 as per the instructions of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC).

"Installation of smart meters would help in providing correct bills, avoid unnecessary use of electricity, easy recharge, track use of electricity among others," he said.

CESC Chief General Manager Sharanamma S. Jangina, Chief Engineer Mruthyunjaya, CESC (IT and MIS Division) DGM Ramesh, AGM Bharath and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Oblige



Pronunciation: uh-BLYJE (verb).
Meaning: To oblige a person or entity to do something is to require or force them to do it, either because of a law or rule, or because it is necessary. To simply oblige someone is to do them a favour.
Origin: If you are obliged by a rule or law you are metaphorically bound by it — that is, you are required to obey it. The idea of binding links word to its Latin source, ligāre, meaning "to fasten, bind." But in other common uses, the idea of binding is somewhat masked: it is applied when someone is bound by a debt for some favour or service, as in "We're much obliged to you for the help," but in phrase "happy to oblige" it simply expresses a willingness to do someone a favour, as in "They needed a ride and we were happy to oblige."
Example: "I was irked 30 years ago when our neighbour said she intended to install a free-standing fence between our driveways. ... It seemed unneighbourly to humans and wildlife alike. We were a family who spent more time outdoors than in, always nearby when our neighbour pulled into her driveway. Once the fence was up, she was no longer obliged to speak to us." — Margaret Renkl, New York Times, 2 June 2025.

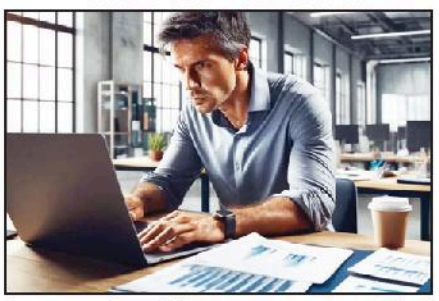
THE ODD WORD

Pessimum

The least favourable environmental condition under which an organism can survive.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bend over Backwards



Meaning: "Bend over Backwards" means to work very hard to accomplish something.
Origin: Unless you are extremely flexible, actually bending over backwards is quite a feat. It's not at all surprising that the origin of the phrase "Bend over Backwards" is in gymnastics. The term was used as early as 920 CE to compare the athletic act of back bending with an expenditure of effort to ensure that something went as planned.
Example: "We bent over backwards to help him & he never ever thanked us".

QUOTE BOX

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.—**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SUPPL

Answer: Short supply.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hebrew month
5 Untidy confusion
9 Green prefix?
12 Machu Picchu locale
13 Hindu god of fire
14 Step in ballet
15 Multiple choice choices
16 Occur simultaneously
18 Community spirit
20 ___ In Boots : famous fairy tale?
21 Fine and delicate?
24 Fabia manufacturers
27 Promptly in pidgin English i.e. in slang? (4-4)
31 Brownish gray
32 Sworn word
33 "And" in Hindi
34 ___ at it : was persistent ?
35 Start of a vol. 1 heading (1,2)
36 Pops the question
38 Trials or examinations
41 A titled person
42 Cajole or beguile
44 Supplementing with difficulty
48 Decorating
52 Space on the ground
53 Doze
54 P. Simon's '_ __ _ Rock' (1,2,1)
55 An axe for one; a saw for another?
56 "Nay" no just the opposite!
57 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
58 Girl's name which reads the same backwards

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

S	P	A	M		Y	O	R	E		C	A	T
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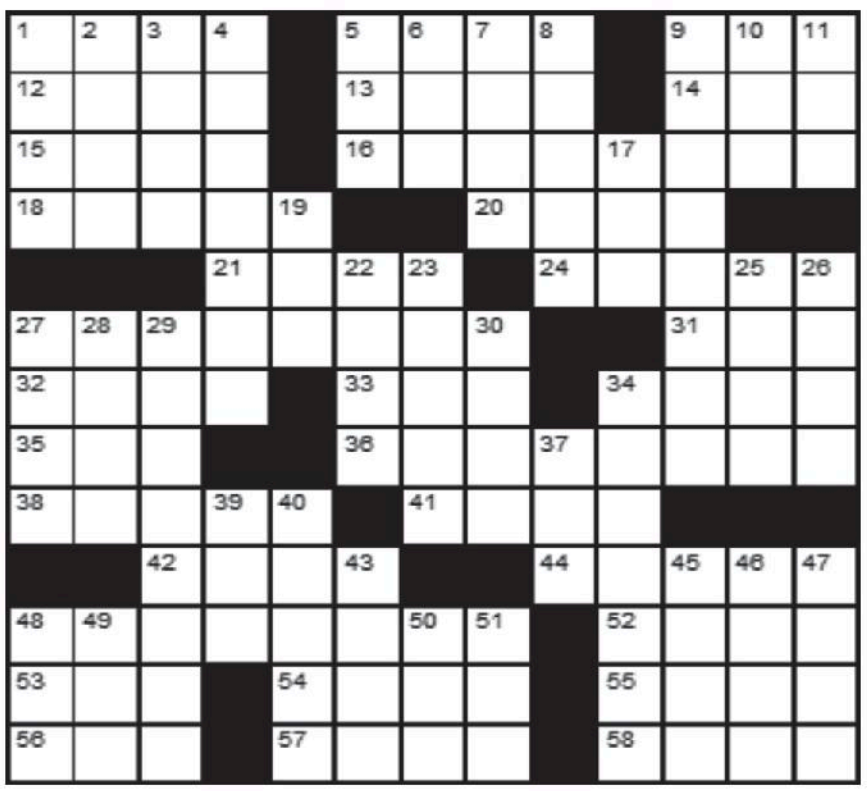
DOWN

1 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
2 Amount owing
3 Curved entrance
4 Red-nosed reindeer
5 PC alternative
6 Self-esteem
7 Crop or cut?
8 Air cavity in skull
9 More than one incident in the course of a series of events
10 A bounder or an uncouth person
11 Sugar suffix ?
17 Chennai based IPL team
19 Anatomical pouch
22 Develop cracks or soreness on skin
23 You are, contracted?
25 Swindle or make a fool of
26 Small insects
27 Outer garment
28 Detest or abhor
29 An instrument for examining the ear
30 South Pacific boat
34 Capital of West Bengal
37 Prefix for fix
39 Rocky height
40 Tennis star ___ Mirza
43 Capital of Shaanxi province, China
45 Common metal
46 Inert gas
47 Festive occasion
48 Snippets of information
49 Calendar square
50 Navigation Mgmnt. Unit
51 This is left when a tooth comes out



SUDOKU

9					4			
	6	3			1			
	2			5				8
		2				9	8	5
				4				
5	8	7				1		
1				2			5	
			9			2	3	
			5					7

Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	8	2	4	6	5	1	7
4	7	5	3	8	1	9	6	2
6	2	1	5	7	9	4	3	8
5	9	7	8	3	2	1	4	6
3	1	4	7	6	5	8	2	9
8	6	2	1	9	4	7	5	3
7	5	6	9	1	3	2	8	4
1	8	3	4	2	7	6	9	5
2	4	9	6	5	8	3	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UBV TPL EBX OVTXAVF P TXCLUPWL IVZWLF

ID MPOODWLZ PEPD FTPQQ FUXLVF.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Friday's Cryptoquip: It usually takes a long time to find a shorter way.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows

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X & Y (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Kuberaa (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Kuberaa (K)* - 2 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Maargan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Raja Rathnakara (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Kannappa (Te) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Maa (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Kannappa (Te)	(S-1)	9 am, 6.40 pm; (S-3) 3.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
Avanirabekittu (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-1)	10.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am, 7.10 pm
Maargan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 am
Raja Rathnakara (K)	(S-2)	12.40 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	(S-2)	3.30 pm; (S-3) 9.40 am
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-2)	7.05 pm, 10.20 pm; (S-4) 4 pm
Love Marriage (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Maa (H)	(S-3)	7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Naruto: The Movie (Japanese)	(S-4)	2 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

X and Y (K)	(S-1)	11 am
Maadeva (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Avanirabekittu (K)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Love Marriage (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Kannappa (K)	(S-2)	1 pm, 7.50 pm
Kannappa (Te)	(S-2)	4.25 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
	(S-4)	6 pm, 9.25 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-3)	3.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.55 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

F1: The Movie (E)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.50 pm, 10 pm
Maa (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.40 pm, 9.35 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.15 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	11.05 am
Hanuman Junction (Te)	:	11.35 am
Naruto The Movie (E)	:	1.30 pm
M3gan 2.0 (E)	:	1.50 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	3 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4.30 pm
Ninnindale (K)	:	6.30 pm
Umrao Jaan (H)	:	6.30 pm
Kannappa (Te)	:	6.40 pm
X & Y (K)	:	7.20 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Kuberaa (Te)	:	9 am, 2.50 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.45 pm
Maa (H)	:	9 am, 1.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Kannappa (Te	:	9.50 am, 3.10 pm, 10.05 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.25 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	11.55 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
X & Y (K)	:	12.25 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1 pm
Avanirabekittu (K)	:	6.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Kannappa (Te)	:	9 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Kannappa (K)	:	12.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	9 am, 6.40 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	12.35 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	9.20 am, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Maa (H)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Avanirabekittu (K)	:	12.31 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
How to Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	4.05 pm
X & Y (K)	:	4.15 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Kannappa (Te)	:	9.05 am, 12.45 pm
		6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Maa (H)	:	9.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.40 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.15 pm
		7 pm, 10.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.35 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	12.35 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4.10 pm
Timmana Mottegalu (K)	:	4.25 pm
Bloody Babu (K)	:	7.30 pm
Raja Rathnakara (K)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 29)

Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat: Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru: 57th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Prof. Suryanarayana Swamy, retired Professor of the Kannada Department, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, chief guest, Bharatanatyam Dance Gurus and artistes Dr. Jamuna Rani Mirle, S. Dhanalakshmi, K.N. Seema, N. Sindhu, Renuka Anand, Dr. Lakshmi Viswanathan, Archana Bhatt and Guradi Soumya special invitees; Notable performers include Guru Vid. Balakrishna Manjeshwar and team from Kasaragod, Guru Vidu. Mahima Harish and her team from Bengaluru, distinguished dance artiste Guru Malik Pannikar from Singapore and Guru Amitha Pratheesh from Thiruvananthapuram, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru: Endowment Programme, Basava Jayanti, Labour Day, 'Kayaka Sri' award presentation; Vachana Gayana by Rajarajeshwari Akkana Balaga, **4.30 pm;** Sri Nataraja Swamiji of Om Sri Gurulinga Jangamadevara Mutt (Gavadagere) graces the occasion, KIKS Director Dr. K.N. Lolakshi inaugurates, Sharana Sahitya Parishat - Mysuru City Unit Vice-President M. Chinnaswamy presides, Kadali Mahila Vedike President Sharada Shivalingaswamy will be present, 'Kayaka Sri' awardees are S.I. Manjunath and N. Ramachandra Rao, Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**

Rangayana, Mysuru: 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), senior theatre person and former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) inaugurates, Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan chief guests, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur presides, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Smashana Kurukshetra' by Nepathya Ranga Tanda, Mysuru, written by Kuvempu, directed by Manjunath Bhyate, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Namde Natane Samskruthika Vedike: Staging of play 'Naayi Kaledide,' written and directed by **Rajendra Karanth,** Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Rajendra Karanth

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 30)

Sri Chandramouleshwara Swamy Devasthanam Charitable Trust, V.V. Mohalla: 83rd Jayanthyuthsava-2025, Lalitha Sahasranama Homa, Sri Kalabairava Homa, Temple premises, **9 am.**

IQAC, St. Philomena's College: Inauguration of Deeksharambh 2025, a three-day Orientation Programme for 1st year UG students, Rev. Fr. Richard Menezes, Superior & Director, Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru, will be present, St. Philomena's College, Bannimantap, **9.30 am.**

National Testing Service-India, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Manasagangothri, Mysuru and Government College of Teacher Education, Vasanth Mahal campus, Mysuru: Orientation programme on 'Basics of Testing and Evaluation in Kannada w.r.t. NEP 2020' for the final year B.Ed students of Government College of Teacher Education, Mysuru, H.N. Geethamba inaugurates, Prof. Shailendra Mohan presides, Preview Theatre, CIIL premises, **10 am.**

Sri Renuka Yellamma haagu Kabbalamma Temple: 33rd Annual Jathra Mahotsava-2025, immersion of floral Karaga in Srirangapatna, **11 am;** Siddaroodara Puja, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Kotwal Ramaiah Road, **7 pm.**

Kadamba Rangavedike and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota: MP Yaduveer Wadiyar releases Dr. Gurumurthy Harohalli's book titled 'Dr. Rajkumar The Legend' on the Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Arya-Ediga Sangha President M.K. Potharaj, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Selected as State Vice-President

Mysuru, June 29- Chovanda Chondamma Poonacha of Mysuru has been selected as the State Vice-President of Kasturi Sirignannada Vedike (Mob: 97396-93599), which is based at Hulivana village in Keragodu hobli of Mandya taluk. Chondamma has been appointed in consideration of her social service in extending financial support to poor and deprived children for continuing their education and other social works.

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